

Weekly Police Beat for the week ending April 21, 2017

Car Stolen from Western Ave; Recovered the Same Day

Three juveniles from DC arrested by County Police

On Monday (4/17) morning, residents of a home in the 5600 block of Western Avenue discovered their 2016 SUV missing from its parking space behind their home on the alley. Village officers responded and quickly entered the car into a national database which is available to police officers everywhere.

On Monday evening, a Montgomery County police officer watched the car park in a McDonald's parking lot on 16th Street in Silver Spring. The officer queried the national database and discovered that the car had been stolen from the Village earlier that same day. The county officer observed the three young occupants of the car enter the McDonald's, and after additional officers arrived, the three juveniles were arrested inside the restaurant without incident. A search revealed that the thief who had been driving the car had the car's electronic key fob in his pocket; the car has a push-button starter, and it cannot be driven without a key fob.

The owners of the car responded to the McDonald's and retrieved their car. Except for the messy interior, the car was undamaged.

In 2016, four cars were stolen from the Village; keys were left in every one of them. Residents are reminded to remove all keys and key fobs and to lock their cars every time they park.